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December 19, 2005

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

**SUBJECT: GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW)
(BOARD ORDER #83 - JUNE 15, 1999)**

As requested by your Board on June 15, 1999, attached is the semi-annual report of key GROW statistics for May 2005 through October 2005 and an update on the GROW Program.

From May 2005 through October 2005, we have placed 5,287 participants in jobs. A total of 65,683 job placements have been achieved since the implementation of the GROW Program in February 1999.

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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**GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK
SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
MAY 2005 - OCTOBER 2005**

	May 2005	June 2005	July 2005	August 2005	September 2005	October 2005	Total
Orientation/Job Skills Assessment							
• Scheduled	5,193	4,981	5,189	5,914	5,337	4,777	31,391
• Showed	3,443 (66%)	3,609 (72%)	3,312 (64%)	3,800 (64%)	3,567 (67%)	3,329 (70%)	21,060 (67%)
Job Skills Preparation Class							
• Scheduled	1,724	1,327	1,388	1,827	1,384	1,646	9,296
• Showed	919 (53%)	666 (50%)	692 (50%)	941 (51%)	691 (50%)	830 (50%)	4,739 (51%)
• Completions (1)	590 (64%)	566 (85%)	604 (87%)	563 (60%)	656 (95%)	556 (67%)	3,535 (74%)
Job Placements Self-Initiated Programs (SIPs) (2)	829	932	769	906	997	854	5,287
Vocational Assessment	888	831	644	688	697	727	
• Scheduled	414	351	361	386	292	311	2,115
• Showed	313 (76%)	272 (77%)	268 (74%)	278 (72%)	236 (81%)	235 (75%)	1,602 (76%)
Education/ Training							
• Starts	59	77	70	69	82	80	437
• Completions	6	7	6	3	6	8	36
Supportive Services Referrals	245	324	234	281	294	262	1,640
GROW Caseload	26,513	27,228	27,863	27,205	27,328	27,670	
Sanctions	1,231	1,270	1,129	1,742	1,375	1,317	8,064

- (1) Job Skills Preparation Class (JSPC) completion counts should not be tied to the scheduled/show counts, as completions include participants who began the three-week JSPC class in the previous month, but completed in the report month.
- (2) SIP data includes the total number of participants enrolled in a SIP activity during the month, not just new enrollments.

GROW UPDATE

MAY 2005 – OCTOBER 2005

JOB PLACEMENTS

Since implementation in 2/99, a total of 65,683 placements have been achieved through the GROW Program.

- South Special GROW, in conjunction with Goodwill Industries, sponsored a “Jobs 4 You” Employment Expo on 5/11.
- Metro Special GROW held an “Opening Doors to Better Opportunities” Job Fair on 5/12 with 17 employers and over 200 participants in attendance. As a result of this event, 12 participants obtained jobs.
- On 5/28, Metro East GROW held a “Spin Into Your Future” Community Job Fair at the El Sereno Senior Citizen Center.
- San Gabriel Valley GROW held a job fair on 6/29 at the Garvey Community Center.
- On 7/14, Southwest Special GROW held a “Jobs for Independence” Job Fair with 50 employers and over 400 participants in attendance.
- During the month of August, Civic Center GROW participated in various events including the Union Rescue Mission Resource Fair on 8/23 and the Church of Nazarene Community Outreach event on 8/27.
- On 9/15, the Glendale, Pasadena and San Fernando GROW sites participated in the “Fall Into Success” Job Fair held at the Boys and Girls Club of Pacoima.
- On 10/13, the Civic Center GROW site hosted a “Turn Over a New Leaf” Job Fair, in conjunction with the Metro East and Metro Special GROW sites. This event hosted 35 employers.
- All GROW sites continue to hold employer recruitment activities, on-site and off-site, throughout each month. Employers participating in these events include Forest Lawn Mortuary, Universal Protection Services, Laidlaw, Goodwill Industries, Rally Staffing and Staffsmart Solutions.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

- Through October 2005, the cumulative participation rates for both Orientation and Job Skills Preparation Class continue to exceed 50%.